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Medical Officer of Health:

H. GRAY, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Sanitary Inspector (Whole-time):

L.B. PARKER, M.B.E., C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Certificates held:

Royal Sanitary Institute as

- (a) Sanitary Inspector.
- (b) Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

City and Guilds of London Finalist.
Certificates Building Construction, Technical Drawing, etc.
Instructor, A.R.P.S.

Other Appointments held:

Surveyor.
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Additional Sanitary Inspectors (Whole-time)

D. NURSE, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Certificates held:

Royal Sanitary Institute as

- (a) Sanitary Inspector.
- (b) Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

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Certificates held:

Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1954

To The Chairman and Members of the Flaxton Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have once again the honour and pleasure of presenting for your consideration my report for the year 1954.

Again the factors mentioned in my last report affect the vital statistics, causing an apparently large death rate, but this should in no way be a cause for concern and is due to the inclusion in the Registrar-General's figures of those deaths in Clifton Hospital, the majority of which should really be ascribed to the place of abode of the patient prior to admission.

The high rate for infant mortality is due to the fact that when one death occurs our figure leaps to something like five times the national average. Similarly 5 deaths in infants under 1 year out of a total of 7 were due to congenital malformations and which in our present state of knowledge cannot be prevented to any great extent.

I would like to express my appreciation of the members of the staff of the department who, in spite of an ever increasing burden of work, are always helpful and provide the Council with an efficient service.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. GRAY, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population of the Rural District - 20,330

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		Males	Females	Total	Grand Total	Crude Rate per 1,000 Population
1950	Legitimate	154	126	273	-	-
	Illegitimate	4	3	7	280	13.74
1951	Legitimate	131	134	265	-	-
	Illegitimate	10	8	18	283	13.84
1952	Legitimate	141	129	270	-	-
	Illegitimate	7	9	16	286	14.56
1953	Legitimate	145	132	277	-	-
	Illegitimate	8	5	13	290	14.91
1954	Legitimate	159	136	295	-	-
	Illegitimate	5	5	10	305	15.00

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		Males	Females	Total	Grand Total	Rate per 1,000 Total Births
1950	Legitimate	5	2	7	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	7	24.39
1951	Legitimate	2	2	4	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	1	1	5	17.36
1952	Legitimate	5	1	6	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	1	1	7	23.89
1953	Legitimate	1	3	4	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	4	13.60
1954	Legitimate	5	2	7	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	7	22.44

<u>DEATHS</u>		Males	Females	Total	Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	
1950		99	81	180	8.83	
1951		111	96	207	10.12	
1952		85	90	175	8.91	
1953		114	129	243	12.49	
1954		128	158	286	14.06	

MATERNAL MORTALITY

1950	Nil
1951	Maternal Causes 2
	Rate per 1,000 births .. 7.06
1952	Nil
1953	Nil
1954	Maternal Causes 1
	Rate per 1,000 births... 3.20

INFANT MORTALITY

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year)

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
All infants per 1,000 Live Births	17.86	24.71	27.97	17.24	36.06
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Legitimate Births	18.17	26.39	29.63	14.44	33.90
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Illegitimate Births	Nil	Nil	Nil	76.92	100.00

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RATES:

<u>BIRTH RATE:</u>	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
England & Wales	15.80	15.50	15.30	15.50	15.20
Flaxton R.D.	13.74	13.84	14.56	14.91	16.35

DEATH RATE:

England & Wales	11.60	12.50	11.30	11.40	11.30
Flaxton R.D.	8.83	10.12	8.91	12.49	14.78

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

England & Wales	0.86	0.79	Nil	0.76	0.69
Flaxton R.D.	Nil	7.06	Nil	Nil	3.20

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

England & Wales	29.80	29.60	27.60	26.80	25.50
Flaxton R.D.	17.86	24.71	27.97	17.24	36.06

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	1950		1951		1952		1953		1954	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-	3	2	2	1	1	3	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and par. diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm stomach	1	4	7	1	2	2	5	2	3	4
11. lung, bronchus	3	-	5	1	2	2	2	-	3	1
12. breast	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
13. uterus	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	10	10	7	7	13	13	8	13	7
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	11	12	10	9	10	15	8	14	15	17
18. Coronary diseases, angina	19	8	13	7	18	7	21	10	18	13
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	5	2	3	1	3	9	10	8	5
20. Other heart disease	18	15	23	10	17	12	18	40	25	53
21. Other circulatory diseases	7	3	1	11	4	5	5	8	8	14
22. Influenza	-	-	2	4	-	1	2	2	-	-
23. Pneumonia	1	2	2	-	1	4	6	3	5	6
24. Bronchitis	5	6	6	5	4	-	8	5	3	3
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	2	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	2	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	2	1	2	3	-	-	5	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
31. Congenital malformations	1	1	-	3	-	1	-	2	1	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	7	11	11	6	9	7	13	7	11
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3	-	2	3	1	-	3	1
34. All other accidents	1	1	4	4	1	2	2	4	-	6
35. Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	99	81	111	96	85	90	114	129	128	158

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Many of the Health Services carried out by the County Council as Local Health Authority are administered by the Area Health Sub-Committee which meets monthly at Easingwold. The Flaxton R.D.C. is represented on this body.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Details of Officers are listed at the beginning of the Report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological and chemical examinations of milk, water and effluents are carried out for the Council by the County Public Health Laboratory, Messrs. T. Fairley & Partners of Leeds, and the Laboratory of the Rivers Board at Wakefield.

AMBULANCE

The Ambulance Station serving the area is situate at Haxby. Telephone Number - day or night - York 68181.

DISTRICT NURSES

A District Nursing Service covers the area and the Nurses and the districts they cover are as follows:

Clifton Without & Rawcliffe

Nurse Southam, 26 Melton Avenue, Clifton. Telephone: York 54714.

Haxby, Wigginton and Skelton

Nurse Lockhart, 123 Calf Close, Haxby. Telephone: York 68521.

Huntington, Earswick and New Earswick

Nurse Atkinson, 1 Rowan Place, New Earswick. Telephone: York 68280
and
Nurse Vale, 132 North Moor, Huntington. Telephone: York 68194.

Buttercrambe, Bossall, Claxton, Harton, Heworth, Holby, Gate Helmsley, Upper Helmsley, Osbaldwick, Sand Hutton, Stockton-on-Forest and Warthill.

Nurse Brown, 17 Galtres Road, Stockton Lane, Heworth. Telephone: York 53449.

Flaxton, Strensall, Towthorpe & Lilling

Nurse Henderson, 7 Barney Cottages, Flaxton. Telephone: Flaxton Moor 265.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Arrangements for domestic help can be made through the County Area Health Office, Manor Road, Easingwold. Telephone: 851 324.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

The whole area is served by either static clinics in the major parishes or by attendance of the Mobile Clinic.

During the year the County Council became responsible for the distribution of Welfare Foods and much of the structure of the Ministry of Food was abolished. By utilising voluntary helpers at these clinics and by the very welcome co-operation of several tradesmen in the area, the efficient supply of these foods has been maintained at very little cost to the ratepayer.

MATERNITY HOSPITALS

Admissions are arranged by a person's own Doctor. Booking clinics held at the Health Services Centre, Duncombe Place, York.

Admission on social grounds, e.g. unsatisfactory housing conditions, is made following an enquiry and report by me.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

A clinic is held at 11 Castlegate, York, on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month at 10 a.m.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table sets out in age groups all cases of notifiable disease during the year, which was a singularly fortunate one. Apart from a slight rise in numbers of dysentery notified, the drop in cases of scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough and poliomyelitis is marked.

The second table showing the incidence over the past five years is of interest in showing the steady decline of scarlet fever year by year, and each year an increasing proportion of cases is treated at home.

It is still premature to draw firm conclusions about the effectiveness of immunisation against whooping cough but most children are now being treated with the combined vaccine, and it is hoped that subsequent statistics will show that notified cases of whooping cough stay at a low level.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified										Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	Under 1	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	Over 65	Age Unknown	Total	
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	2	5	13	2	-	1	-	-	-	23	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	5	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	5	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis *	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
Whooping Cough	2	3	2	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	12	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

* Paralytic

COMPARATIVE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	65	29	30	32	23
Diphtheria	1	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-	1	-
Pneumonia	1	5	5	9	5
Erysipelas	2	-	1	4	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	5
Malaria	-	1	-	3	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	14	-	8	5	2
Encephalitis lethargica	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	210	252	362	177	7
Whooping Cough	44	123	124	56	12

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 years	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
45 to 55 years	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
55 to 65 years	2*	-	-	-	1+	1+	-	-
65 years and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	4	2	1	-	3	3	-	-

* 1 patient in Clifton Hospital not resident in area.

+ Patients in Fairfield Sanatorium not resident in area.

INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

Year	New Cases			Deaths		
	Respira-tory	Non-respir-atory	Total	Respira-tory	Non-respir-atory	Total
1950	13	3	16	2	-	2
1951	6	2	8	5	-	5
1952	17	3	20	2	-	2
1953	9	5	14	5	1	6
1954	6	1	7	6	-	6

REPORT OF THE
SURVEYOR AND CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1954

To the Chairman and Members of the Flaxton Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my twenty-sixth report in this instance, upon the work carried out during the year 1954. I am endeavouring this year to limit the subject matter put forward in view of the pressure of work and the difficult year we have had, arising from staff difficulties and changes.

There have been extensions of the Council's provision for sewage disposal completed during the year, and there has been an average number of properties connecting up to the water mains previously provided by the Council throughout the district.

The area continues to grow in population, and this growth brings with it many problems which have to be resolved.

The refuse removal service which covers every village is tending to become strained as is to be expected, and this will of course extend itself to the other services provided by the Council.

I wish to thank the Council for their understanding and appreciation of the problems associated with this constantly growing area, and for the help and courtesy which I have received from them. I am appreciative of the help and co-operation of the staff of all departments of the Council, and particularly of my own staff, without whose willing co-operation administration would become quite impossible.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. PARKER,

Surveyor & Chief Sanitary Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA, 1954

TABLE NO.1

	No. of Houses	Estimated Population	Acreage
Bossall-with-Buttercrambe	40	133	2,691
Claxton	49	163	838
Clifton Without	979	3,250	972
Earswick	76	252	1,111
Flaxton	97	322	1,865
Gata Helmsley	59	196	497
Harton	24	80	2,004
Haxby	720	2,390	2,206
Heworth Without	177	588	854
Holtby	30	100	901
Huntington	1,019	3,383	1,850
Lilling	51	169	1,769
Murton	115	382	844
New Earswick	672	2,231	784
Osballdwick	439	1,457	645
Rawcliffe	273	906	785
Sand Hutton	48	159	2,242
Skelton	187	621	2,428
Stockton-on-Forest	205	681	3,268
Strensall	370	1,228	2,909
Camp	169	932	
Towthorpe	36	120	1,075
Upper Helmsley	12	40	833
Warthill	48	159	1,004
Wigginton	117	388	1,880
TOTALS	6,012	20,330	36,254

TABLE NO.2

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS PER DWELLINGHOUSE

1901 Census	4.70 persons per house	
1911 "	4.39 " " "	
1921 "	4.29 " " "	
1931 "	3.83 " " "	
1939 "	3.75 " " "	(National Registration)
1951 "	3.81 " " "	
1952 (Estimated)	3.51 " " "	
1953 "	3.31 " " "	
1954 "	3.32 " " "	

WATER SUPPLIES

The only extension which can be referred to during the year is the completion of the booster main from the Helmsley Road to New Earswick, which has improved very appreciably the supply to the parishes of Haxby and Wigginton. You will remember that there were complaints in these parishes as to the low pressure, particularly at peak periods of draw.

I referred last year to the completion of a 4" main linking the village of Flaxton which receives its water from the Ryedale Water Board, and the village of Strensall which has always received its water from the York Waterworks Company. The switch over of supplies had not taken place at the end of the year as some difficulty was anticipated in the existing services having the strength to withstand the increased pressure. There were many repeated fractures when the water from the Ryedale Board was turned on, the maximum pressure of 160 lbs. per square inch being too great for many

of the old mains which had been laid since 1903. The Committee considered this position very carefully and resolved to put in a pressure reducing valve which was duly installed during the year. Some difficulties were still being encountered at the end of the year by reason of the furred up condition of some of the old mains, and the associated problems were receiving consideration.

I think there are no matters under this heading which require special comment. The area seems to be very fortunate in the availability of a supply of water which so far is unaffected by drought or shortage, other than a tendency to reducing pressure arising from the unending additions and extensions to the service.

Samples of water have been taken from the two bulk supplies received in the area. They have all proved to be satisfactory, and a typical analysis is set out hereunder.

EXAMINATIONS OF SAMPLES OF WATER

Nature of Sample	Samples taken		Satis.		Unsatis.	
	Chem.	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.
Mains supply	2	17	2	17	-	-

TYPICAL REPORTS

1. Source of supply: Ryedale Joint Board. Situation: Public mains supply at ~~St~~ackton-on-Forest.

Appearance: Clear and bright. Odour on warming: None
 Colour of 2 ft. column (Lovibond Units): -
 Sediment: None. Reaction: pH = -
 Action on bright service lead during 12 hours -

The sample contains:	Grains per gallon	Parts per 100,000 Gallons
Total solids, dried at 100 C	18.48	26.40
Chlorides, equivalent to chlorine	1.19	1.70
Nitrates, equivalent to nitrogen	0.07	0.10
Nitrites, equivalent to nitrogen	Nil	Nil
Free and saline ammonia	0.0003	0.0004
Albuminoid ammonia	0.0028	0.0040
Oxidation demand during 4 hours at 26.7°C from		
potassium permanganate	0.048	0.068
sodium hypochlorite	-	-
Metallic contamination	Nil	Nil
Hardness (Clark Degrees):		
Temporary, removable by boiling	6.3	9.0
Permanent, after boiling	5.1	7.3
<u>Total</u>	<u>11.4</u>	<u>16.3</u>

According to the above results, the condition of this water was satisfactory for public supply at the time of examination.

2. Source of supply: York Waterworks Company. Situation: Public mains supply at Buttercrambe.

Appearance: Clear and bright. Odour on warming: None.
 Colour of 2 ft. column (Lovibond Units): -
 Sediment: None. Reaction: pH = -
 Action on bright service lead during 12 hours: -

The sample contains:	Grains per gallon	Parts per 100,000 Gallons
Total solids, dried at 100 C	25.20	36.00
Chlorides, equivalent to chlorine	1.26	1.80
Nitrates, equivalent to nitrogen	0.20	0.29
Nitrites, equivalent to nitrogen	Nil	Nil
Free and saline ammonia	0.0000	0.0000
Albuminoid ammonia	0.0006	0.0008
Oxidation demand during 4 hours at 26.7°C from		
potassium permanganate	0.002	0.003
sodium hypochlorite	-	-
Metallic contamination	Nil	Nil
Hardness (Clark Degrees):		
Temporary, removable by boiling	13.2	18.8
Permanent, after boiling	7.1	10.2
<u>Total</u>	<u>20.3</u>	<u>29.0</u>

According to the above results, the condition of this water was satisfactory for public supply at the time of examination.

TABLE SHOWING WATER SUPPLY POSITION IN EACH PARISH

PARISH	TOTAL HOUSES	TOTAL POPUL- ATION	PIPED WATER SUPPLY										WELL SUPPLY		BOREHOLE SUPPLY	
			YORK WATERWORKS CO.				RYEDALE WATER BOARD									
			DIRECT TO HOUSE		STANDPIPE		DIRECT TO HOUSE		STANDPIPE		HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.		
			HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.						
Bossall-with-Buttercrambe	40	133	-	-	-	-	34	113	-	-	6	20	-	-		
Claxton	45	163	-	-	-	-	42	140	-	-	7	23	-	-		
Clifton Without	979	3,250	979	3,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Earswick	76	252	76	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Flaxton	97	322	-	-	-	-	71	234	73	-	4	15	-	-		
Gate Helmsley	59	196	-	-	-	-	51	170	-	-	8	26	-	-		
Harton	24	80	-	-	-	-	18	60	-	-	6	20	-	-		
Haxby	720	2,330	718	2,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	-	-		
Heworth Without	177	588	177	588	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Holtby	30	100	-	-	-	-	25	83	-	-	5	17	-	-		
Huntington	1,019	3,383	1,019	3,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Lillings Ambo	51	169	-	-	-	-	41	136	30	-	1	3	-	-		
Murton	115	382	105	349	13	-	-	-	-	-	6	20	-	-		
New Earswick	672	2,231	672	2,231	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Osbaldwick	439	1,457	439	1,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Rawcliffe	273	906	270	896	3	10	45	149	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Sand Hutton	48	159	-	-	8	26	-	-	-	-	3	10	-	15		
Skelton	187	621	167	554	19	63	-	-	-	-	8	26	-	-		
Stockton-on-Forest	205	681	178	592	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	46	-	-		
Strensall	370	1,228	356	1,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Strensall Camp	165	932	169	952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Towthorpe	36	120	36	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Upper Helmsley	12	40	-	-	-	-	10	33	-	-	2	7	-	-		
Warthill... ..	48	159	-	-	-	-	47	156	-	-	1	3	-	-		
Wigginton	117	383	114	378	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	-	-		
TOTAL...	6,012	20,330	5,475	18,547	34	112	384	1,274	31	103	84	279	4	15		

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year under review the scheme of sewerage for Gate Helmsley and the joint scheme for the treatment of sewage from Gate Helmsley and Stamford Bridge, the latter in the area of the Pocklington Rural District Council, was completed. The sewerage schemes for which approval and a starting date had been received for the parishes of Harton and Warthill were commenced later in the year, and the schemes were running into some very serious difficulties before the year end, arising out of the running sand and silt which comprise so large a part of the areas in these two parishes. Bad ground was certainly anticipated at Warthill, but it was considerably worse in the wintery conditions than could be visualised. Ground conditions at Harton were not expected to be unduly difficult, and they have not proved in any way comparable with those met at Warthill, but they have in fact turned out to be very different to anticipated conditions. A later starting date would certainly have been beneficial to contractors and the speed and efficient completion of the works.

The owners of properties on the Hopgrove North estate finally completed their arrangements for the servicing and linking of their properties to the new sewer provided by the Council. This area has suffered from a very serious sewage disposal problem, and the completion of the present scheme is one which must result in an improvement in conditions which will be fully appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES IN THE AREA

Parishes Served	Length of Sewer Yards	Year of Installation	Outfall
Strensall	2,870	1919	Council's works at Strensall
Clifton Without	810	1927/1930	York sewers.
Rawcliffe	580	1932	
Earswick	695	1935	York sewers.
Huntington	4,760	1937	Council's works at Haxby
Haxby	4,950	1937	Council's works at Haxby
Wigginton	770	1937	Council's works at Haxby
Osbaldwick & Murton	3,710	1937	Council's works at Osbaldwick
Rawcliffe	2,650	1938	Council's works at Rawcliffe
Skelton	1,270	1938	Council's works at Rawcliffe
S. Back Lane, Haxby	1,580	1938	Council's works at Haxby
Huntington Road	200	1938	Council's works at Haxby
Skelton ext.	460	1938	Council's works at Rawcliffe
Mill Lane, Wigginton	850	1951	Council's works at Haxby
Claxton	376	1952	Council's works at Claxton
Stockton-on-Forest	836	1953	Council's works at Stockton-on-Forest
Hopgrove	282		
Flaxton	1,825	1953	Council's works at Flaxton
Gate Helmsley	2,368	1954	Council's works at Gate Helmsley

PUMPING STATIONS

Initial Letter	Situation	Horse Power of Pumps	Size of Pumps	Output - in Gallons per minute
A	Landing Lane	6	4"	200
B	Westfield Lane	3	3"	100
C	Park Estate	3	3"	60
E	Mill Hill	16	5"	400
F	Earswick	4	3"	50
G	Meadowfields	7½	4"	250
H	Osbaldwick	12	4"	350
K	Fairfield	3	3"	120
L	Rawcliffe Lodge	12½	4"	280
M	Mental Hospital	3	3"	100
-	Rawcliffe Lane	3	3"	120
-	Bean's	3	2"	60
-	Park Avenue	2	3"	50
-	Hilbra	3	2"	50
-	Stockton Lane	4	3"	75
-	Hopgrove	5	3"	60

SEWAGE

METHODS OF DISPOSAL - PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS

Properties connected to proper sewerage and sewage disposal treatment plants:			
(a) Via Council's sewers to Council's Disposal Works	49.88%		
(b) Via Council's sewers to York City Sewers	21.69%		
(c) Drained to private works producing a satisfactory effluent	12.64%	84.21%	
Properties connected to other means of disposal:			
(a) To old village sewers discharging to watercourses	4.16%		
(b) To cesspools, etc.	11.63%	15.79%	
			100.00%

PROPERTIES SERVED BY SCHEMES OF SEWERAGE

Parish	Total Houses	Houses served by Scheme	Outfall of properties connected				
			Council's sewers and disposal works	City Sewers	Private Disposal works	Old Sewers	Cess-pools etc.
Bossall with Buttercrambe	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claxton	49	42	12	-	-	25	12
Clifton Without	979	979	16	.955	-	-	8
Earswick	76	60	53	-	-	5	18
Flaxton	97	78	40	-	-	18	39
Gate Helmsley	59	59	21	-	-	36	2
Harton	24	-	-	-	-	18	6
Haxby	720	693	630	-	-	24	66
Heworth Without	177	140	55	84	-	-	38
Holtby	30	-	-	-	-	13	17
Huntington	1,019	1,002	980	-	-	3	36
Lilling	51	51	-	-	-	18	33
Murton	115	76	76	-	-	-	39
New Earswick	672	665	74	-	591	-	7
Osballdwick	439	411	281	118	-	-	40
Rawcliffe	273	253	109	147	-	-	17
Sand Hutton	48	-	-	-	-	40	8
Skelton	187	168	168	-	-	-	19
Stockton-on-Forest	205	127	76	-	-	33	96
Strensall	370	357	357	-	-	-	13
Camp	169	-	-	-	169	-	-
Towthorpe	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
Upper Helmsley	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
Warthill	48	-	-	-	-	-	48
Wigginton	117	71	51	-	-	17	49
TOTALS	6,012	5,181	2,999	1,304	760	250	699

MAINTENANCE

There are no items which appear to require special mention in connection with maintenance during the year other than to say that labour difficulties are tending to increase and the position worsen rather than improve in this connection. There is a tendency to give the labour problem as a reason for many problems which are noticeable and which from time to time arise, which may not always be the factual reason for them, but one thing is certain - that men are very frequently leaving, and not only are they more difficult to replace, but there is invariably no choice in replacement. This is a position which could be more serious in Public Utility undertakings than is perhaps generally realised.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The statistics normally put forward are again set out. No matters appear to need special reference, but it should be noted that there is throughout an appreciable increase in the population to be served year by year which will in due course, as stated last year, necessitate a revision and extension of the present scheme.

The labour difficulties referred to above are particularly noticeable in connection with this service. We have not reached the situation of at least one authority which, by reason of shortage of labour, has had to reduce its weekly collection of refuse to once in every three weeks, but the difficulty of obtaining labour (not always suitable in any event) is a matter which from time to time causes very real concern, and does necessitate general labourers being switched from other works to this particular service, a switch over which the urgency of the work being done compared with the work left undone is not by any means always justified, but the timetable of this service is a factor which has to be accounted for.

DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

Refuse is still tipped on the two areas of land at Skelton and Towthorpe which have been in use now for some years. More control would be welcome, but the difficulty of obtaining labour and the general desire to keep costs of this service to a minimum, preclude the amount of control that is desirable. Tip fires are troublesome, but are kept in hand as far as possible. The unsightliness of wind scattered paper continues, and it is unfortunate that paper cannot be excluded from sanitary dustbins and made available for collection with the salvage, which would obviate the nuisance first mentioned and help to reduce the cost of the service.

REFUSE COLLECTION - WHOLE AREA BY DIRECT LABOUR

Parish or Village	No. of properties Served	Population	Means of Disposal
			Controlled Tipping at:-
Bossall with Buttercrambe	30	100	Towthorpe
Claxton	40	133	"
Clifton Without	979	3,250	Skelton
Earswick	71	236	Towthorpe
Flaxton	81	269	"
Gate Helmsley	57	189	"
Harton	20	66	"
Haxby	701	2,327	"
Heworth Without	117	388	"
Holtby	17	56	"
Huntington	991	3,290	"
Lillings Ambo	42	139	"
Murton	114	378	"
New Earswick	667	2,214	"
Osballdwick	433	1,438	"
Rawcliffe	271	900	Skelton
Sand Hutton	39	129	Towthorpe
Skelton	172	571	Skelton
Stockton-on-Forest	178	591	Towthorpe
Strensall	349	1,159	"
Towthorpe	34	113	"
Upper Helmsley	10	33	"
Warthill	29	96	"
Wigginton	94	312	"
TOTALS	5,536	18,377	

SALVAGE

The collections under this heading for the last three years are set out below:

1952

Material	Weight				Value		
	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	£	s.	d.
Woollens		4	1	8	26	16	9
Bagging		3	2	10	2	0	9
Carpets		5	2	14	1	1	11
Rags	2	5	0	7	68	0	0
Mixed Waste Paper	51	7	0	0	359	15	3
Kitchen Waste (Estimated)	62	0	0	0	145	11	8
TOTAL	116	5	2	11	£603	6	4

1953

Material	Weight				Value		
	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	£	s.	d.
Woollens		3	2	7	22	11	2
Bagging		1	1	23		19	4
Carpets			1	8		1	3
Rags	2	11	2	14	61	11	9
Mixed Waste Paper	85	12	1	0	441	7	6
Kitchen Waste (Estimated)	63	0	0	0	146	10	0
TOTAL	151	9	0	24	£673	1	0

1954

Material	Weight				Value		
	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	£	s.	d.
Woollens		3	2	12	25	5	0
Scrap Metal		14	0	0	3	3	0
Bagging			1	18		3	8
Rags	2	19	1	0	72	7	6
Mixed Waste Paper	97	18	2	0	640	19	10
Cardboard Containers	10	7	1	0	93	5	3
Bundles of rags	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
TOTAL	112	3	0	2	£838.	14	3

FOOD SALVAGE

I had anticipated in last year's report that the number of food salvage bins would be very considerably reduced during the year 1954. The number of bins removed during the year, as will be seen from the following table, only amounts to 4. It is pleasing to know that there are such a number of people still prepared to use the food salvage bins and accept their known shortcomings so willingly in the interests of animal feeding supplies material. I had expected a much greater reduction during the year under review. It will be remembered in this connection that the Council resolved that where complaints were made of food salvage bins, they should not be replaced but should be withdrawn from service.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of bins distributed</u>				
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Clifton Without/Rawcliffe	40	34	28	27	27
Haxby	12	12	12	12	11
Huntington	7	-	5	3	-
New Earswick	31	31	31	31	31
<u>Totals</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>69</u>

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There are no problems under this heading which require special comment. Atmospheric pollution continues, and it may well be that this problem both industrial and domestic will be resolved with the advent of atomic power. A view which is held by many.

We have no industrial smoke in the area of any note.

SCHOOLS

A schedule of schools in the area is set out below, which indicates the conditions as to water supply and sanitary accommodation.

<u>School</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>No. of Pupils</u>	<u>Sanitary Accommodation</u>	<u>Water Supply</u>
Canon A.R. Lee County Modern	Rawcliffe Lane, Clifton Without	273	Water closets	York Water-works Co.
Clifton Junior School	Rawcliffe Lane, Clifton Without	493	Wash basins	do.
C. of E. School, Flaxton	Village Street, Flaxton.	30	do.	Ryedale Mains
C. of E. School, Harton	Village Street, Harton.	20	Pail closets	Ryedale Mains
Haxby School.	Station Road, Haxby	181	Wash bowls.	do.
Huntington School	Strensall Road, Huntington.	154	Water closets	York Water-works Co.
J.R.V.T. Sen. School	New Earswick	468	Wash basins	do.
J.R.V.T. Jun. School	New Earswick	288	do.	do.
Osbaldwick School	Osbaldwick	70	do.	do.
Sand Hutton School	Sand Hutton	45	Pail closets	do.
Skelton School	Skelton	56	Wash bowls	Ryedale Mains
Stockton-on-Forest School	Village Street, Stockton-on-Forest	68	Water closets	York Water-works Co.
Strensall School	Strensall	127	Wash basins	do.
Warthill School	Warthill	23	Privies	Ryedale Mains
Wigginton School	Mill Lane, Wigginton	36	Wash basins	York Water-works Co.
			Pail closets	do.
			Wash basins	do.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

The tables required by the Ministry of Labour are set out below.

FACTORIES

<u>Mechanical</u>		<u>Non-Mechanical</u>	
Bakery	5	Grease and Dripping Extraction	2
Brewery	1	Agricultural Engineers	1
Brick making	2		
Caravan construction ...	1		
Clothing Manufacturers ...	1		
Concrete block making ...	1		
Engineering Works	1		
Firewood - Sawmills	3		
Furniture Manufacturers ...	1		
Joinery	4		
Motor Vehicle Repairs ...	18		
Paper baling	2		
Scientific instruments ...	1		
Tanneries	2		
Letter Press Printing ...	1		
Laundry	1		
	<u>45</u>		<u>3</u>
Outworkers	18		

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
(i) Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority.....	3	181	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	45	174	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

COMPLAINTS

Number of general complaints received	151
Number of general complaints investigated	151
Number where action taken	134
Number where no action taken	17
Number of Council house complaints received	681
Number of Council house complaints investigated	681
Number where action taken	635
Number where no action taken	46
Number of complaints received under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	47
Number investigated	47
Number where action taken	47
Number where no action taken	-

TABLE OF NOTICES SERVED

Notices served under the:-	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Statutory</u>
Public Health Act, 1936	53	1
Housing Act, 1936	15	28
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	16	1
Pests Act, 1949	47	-
Water Act, 1945	6	-

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Cesspools and Sewage Tanks	18
Closets - Water	23
- Pail	7
- Privies	1
Complaints	61
Cowsheds	3
Dairies, Milkshops & Milk Stores	8
Drains - inspected	784
- tested	525
Factories	355
Foodshops - Bakehouses	7
- Butchers' Shops	57
- Grocers Shops	13
- Ice Cream Premises	3
- Restaurant Kitchens	3
- Slaughterhouses	352
- Food Inspections	5
- Meat Inspections	486
- Carcasses Inspected	644
- Cooked Meats	4
Housing - Houses Repairable	10
- Houses Not Repairable	20
Infectious Disease Investigation	31
Meetings, Interviews & Miscellaneous Visits	112
Nuisances found	11
Offensive Trade Premises	181
Rats & Mice Destruction	12
Re-inspections - Housing	30
- Nuisances	11
- Infectious Diseases	2
Samples - Bacteriological Examination, Milk	5
- Water	21
- Effluent	1
Schools	3
Shops Act, 1934	1
Streets, Roads, Courts	1
Tips	37
Temporary Dwellings	7
Vermineous Premises	4
Water Supplies	24
Buildings - in course of erection	1897
- sites	39
- special visits	38
- foundations	353
- completed houses	152
- other	70
Contravention of Building Byelaws	14
Defects found	1
Dykes & Watercourses	61
Land Surveys	20
Sewage Disposal & Sewerage Works	128
Sewers	45
Temporary Buildings	143
Council House Property	1422
Petrol Stores	63
Refuse Collection & Salvage	27
Street Naming & Numbering	10
Civil Defence	3
Improvement Grants, Housing Act, 1949	32
Investigation of Housing Cases	68
Allocation of Houses	3
Survey of Regional Houses	2
Dangerous Structures	2
Overcrowding	3
Flooding	13
TOTAL	8,492

HOUSING

Tabular statements as required by the Ministry are given below. The provision of new accommodation is still in urgent demand, but clearly there is a tendency to concentrate rather less on new accommodation than on the repair and maintenance of the old. My view is that this is a little more justified in 1954 than it has been previously, in spite of the contrary view held by many others.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for defects under the Public Health & Housing Acts	115
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	145
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses included in (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 to 1932	54
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	54

(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation	20
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to in (3) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	34
2. <u>Remedy of Defects without service of formal notices:</u>	
Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or by their officers	12
3. <u>Action under Statutory Powers:</u>	
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	N11
(11) Number of houses rendered fit after service of formal notices -	
(a) by owners	N11
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Act, 1936 -	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	N11
(11) Number of houses rendered fit after service of formal notices -	
(a) by owners	N11
(b) by local authority in default of owners	N11
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	6
(11) Number of dwellinghouses demolished	3
(111) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	N11
(iv) Number of underground rooms or tenements in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the rooms having been rendered fit	N11
(v) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were given by owners to bring the properties to a standard in compliance with the Housing Act	N11
(vi) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were given by owners not to use premises for human habitation	2
4. <u>Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding:</u>	
(a) (1) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	No
(11) Number of families dwelling therein	record
(111) Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	N11
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	46
(11) Number of persons concerned in such cases	107
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps to abate the overcrowding	N11
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding which it is considered desirable to report	N11

HOUSING ACT, 1949

The usual table is given below, showing the number of applications received under this Act for the last 5 years, together with those cases in which grants have been made.

Year	No. of Applications received	No. of Applications Approved	No. of Applications disapproved or not proceeded with	
1950	10	1	9	
1951	6	2	4	* Includes 2
1952	5	2	3	approved in
1953	6	3	3	1955 and 1
1954	25	6	19 *	deferred.

MOBILE & TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

A table is given below, setting out the number of caravans in the area, together with the number removed and brought into the district during the last five years. It will be seen that the position has remained unchanged over the past year.

Year	No. of Caravans brought into area	No. of Caravans removed from area	Total Number of Licensed Caravans in area
1950	-	3	1
1951	2	-	3
1952	2	1	4
1953	2	2	4
1954	-	-	4

HOUSE BUILDING

The building programme of the Council during the year ending 1954 is set out below:

HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME, 1954

Housing Site	Houses under construction on 1st Jan. 1954	Houses completed prior to 1st Jan. 1954	Further Contracts let during 1954	Houses completed during 1954	Houses in course of erection on 31st Dec. 1954
North Moor, Huntington	-	143	-	-	-
Northfields, Strensall	10	83	-	10	-
Calf Close, Haxby	12	144	-	12	-
Brecks Fields, Skelton	17	71	16	17	18
Stone Riggs, Stockton-on-Forest	-	36	12	-	4
Green Hills, Claxton	4	4	4	-	8
Oaks View, Lilling	-	2	-	-	-
Rise Wood, Gate Helmsley	4	4	4	4	-
Stony Hills, Buttercrambe	2	4	-	2	-
The Leyes, Osbaldwick	12	34	18	14	16
Barney Cottages, Flaxton	-	6	5	-	5
Harton	-	-	4	-	4
Warthill	-	-	4	-	4
TOTAL	61	531	67	59	59

HOUSES CONSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL - POST WAR

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
<u>Supervised by own staff</u>									
Tarran temporary houses with 2 bedrooms	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Airey permanent houses with 3 bedrooms	-	8	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traditional - 3 bedrooms	-	22	20	2	-	-	-	-	-
C/F	50	30	44	2	-	-	-	-	-

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
B/F	50	30	44	2	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Supervised by Architects</u>									
Traditional houses									
- single bedroom bungalows	-	-	-	-	8	10	18	26	28
- 2 bedroom houses	-	-	-	16	24	14	8	30	20
- 3 bedroom houses	-	2	68	60	42	16	24	33	11
- 4 bedroom houses	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	1	-
	50	32	112	78	75	44	51	89	59

BUILDING LICENSING

The position with regard to the issue of licences during the year is set out below:

Licences were issued as follows:

(a) To erect new houses	233
(b) Repairs and extensions etc.	3
(c) Conversions to houses or flats	-
(d) Erection of 3 shops	1

STREETS & BUILDINGS BYELAWS

The more or less complete termination of building licensing at the beginning of the year releasing building by private development has resulted in appreciable activity in the area during the year. The administration of the new Model Building Byelaws during the year is revealing the desirability of some time and staff being available to devote to the supervision of this work. I am never clear as to the liability which rests upon the local authority in this connection. The view has been expressed to the Council that no liability rests upon the local authority for non-compliance with Streets and Buildings Byelaws, although undoubtedly there is a moral responsibility upon the local authority, in any event to make every endeavour to ensure full and due compliance with them. A clear statement of this would be very helpful to me as the supervision of buildings in course of erection proceeding apace as they do in this area, adjacent as it is to a large urban area of population, is a problem of some real anxiety. New staff taking over from existing staff, pressure of work that prevents time being spent on new buildings that is really warranted, and the number of staff available for all the building work which is taking place, coupled with the many other duties which also have to be fitted in, leave a tremendous amount to the builders to comply with this requirement.

I recognise from many experiences I have had that short of a Clerk of Works on every site the whole of the time, no guarantees can be given as to good workmanship and that such perfection is hardly likely to be attainable. Nevertheless, I would like the Council to consider whether or not the time available for this supervision is reasonable and compatible with other obligations as a local authority and with their liabilities in this connection, if liabilities in fact they have.

It will be seen from the schedules that plans for approximately 422 dwellinghouses were approved during the year; the number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year was 206, and the number completed during the year was 284.

It will be appreciated these figures make no reference to other buildings of various types and usage which are being erected rapidly in increasing numbers.

DEPOSIT OF PLANS

The following table sets out the plans deposited with your Council under Streets and Buildings Byelaws and dealt with by the Plans Committee during the year.

Plans were deposited for the following buildings:

Dwellinghouses - Local Authority	58
- Private	364
Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouses	96
Exempted buildings (greenhouses, etc.)	134
Agricultural buildings	17
Factory and business premises	29
Layouts	5
Miscellaneous (schools, pavilions, etc.)	100

<u>Total</u>	803

COMPARATIVE RECORD OF NEW HOUSES ERRECTED

PRE-WAR

By Flaxton R.D.C.

By private individuals and bodies

By other local authorities

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	14	12	-
	103	177	171	209	241	224	203	226	205	246	42
	92	310	275	-	52	213	90	170	140	-	-
TOTALS	195	487	446	209	293	442	293	399	359	258	42

POST-WAR

By Flaxton R.D.C.

By private individuals and bodies

By other local authorities

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
	50	32	112	78	75	44	51	89	59
	61	40	6	21	18	20	24	73	225
	20	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
TOTALS	131	72	118	99	93	64	82	162	284

SUMMARY OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS

	No. of applica- tions on list on 1st January	New applica- tions received during year	No. of families rehoused	No. on list on 31st December
1946	355	271	50	576
1947	576	194	34	736 *
1948	340	243	112	471
1949	471	155	78	548
1950	548	174	75	647
1951	647	145	44	748
1952	748	111	51	808 *
1953	252	117	102	267
1954	267	115	132	250
1955	250			

* New registration carried out

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

In general, the supply and distribution of milk proceeded satisfactorily during the year, and there were no abnormal circumstances arising necessitating any special report.

I have previously stated that I did not think that milk handling is being carried on as satisfactorily as it might be, and I cannot see that there has been any improvement by the dual change of transfer of supervision of milk production to the Ministry and the development of the Dairy Combines. The amount of extraneous matter found in bottled milk is astonishing.

Two warnings have been forwarded during the year in the case of tomato tops and hawthorn leaves in milk. It is probable that far more fragmentary particles of such matters would be observed in bottled milk but for its opacity. Large Combines, from my knowledge of them, normally ensure the filtration of milk so that whatever foreign matter enters the milk during processing is invariably removed before bottling. This is not a practice which has anything to commend it and reminds me of my prejudice against the minute milk tester, which gave the farmer the idea that he could put close fibre pads into a milk sieve and from that moment forward it did not matter what went into the milk, it could be very easily taken out.

The extraneous matters in the cases particularly referred to here, presumably, if milk is sieved before bottling, must have gained access into the bottles after washing and cleansing and before bottling takes place, and presents merely another problem indicating that handling is not all that it might be.

We have no large Combines in the area, and I wonder if the inspection presents a particularly difficult problem to those authorities who have such premises within their boundaries.

The problem of making out Orders for the preventing of the sale of milk or for the conditions under which it might be sold continues to bring with it its problems and difficulties. I have commented previously on what I believe to be an unfortunate piece of legislation which holds the local authority responsible for the payment of costs involved in the stoppage of milk supplies or the cost of treating milk in respect of which orders are made. During the year an order was placed on a milk supply arising out of tubercular infection. The problems associated with this type of infection are well known, but one problem which does not always arise is that of ensuring in these days of divided responsibilities that there is an interchange of all information. In this case, an adjoining authority had taken a sample of milk which proved ultimately to be T.B. positive. The County Medical Officer of Health is notified, the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries and the County District Authority are informed. The interchange of information between these authorities concerned is one liable to confusion, and the County District Council who are the prime safeguard to the public welfare in this matter can very easily be overlooked in the progress of the investigations over which they have so little control. It can be very simple in my view in these circumstances for the order not to be put on precisely when it should, to be taken off before it ought, and to be kept on for a far longer period than is necessary.

Table of Registration & Licences Issued

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
No. of Registered Dairies	6	6	6	7	7
Retail Purveyors	15	15	18	17	18
Licences issued to sell Pasteurised Milk ...	11	11	15	15	16
Licences issued to sell Sterilised Milk	1	1	1	1	2
Licences issued to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	9	10	13	13	13

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The control of private slaughterhouses and inspection of meat in these premises appears to have proceeded during the year without any particular problem arising. It does necessitate regular and I think it can be truly said irksome overtime every week every year, for which no particular remuneration is received. One cannot expect animals slaughtered always to be available in ideal circumstances for inspection purposes, but I am quite satisfied that the inspection of carcasses very frequently has to be undertaken in conditions far removed from the ideal, so far removed in fact that such inspections, always difficult enough in themselves, become considerably more difficult, bordering on occasion the impossible. I think the trade could be more co-operative in this respect. I have not yet noticed any legislation which has reintroduced the compulsory colouring of unsound meat, and I feel that this ought to be reintroduced with as little delay as possible.

Carcasses Inspected & Condemned

	Horses	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	-	195	123	16	400	272
Number passed	-	137	47	8	385	235
All diseases except T.B.:						
(1) Whole carcass condemned	-	21	38	8	13	21
(2) Part carcass or organ condemned	-	25	23	-	2	11
(3) Percentage affected with disease other than T.B.	-	23%	50%	50%	4%	12%
Tuberculosis only:						
(1) Whole carcass condemned	-	8	13	-	-	-
(2) Part carcass or organ condemned	-	4	2	-	-	5
(3) Percentage affected with T.B.	-	6%	12%	-	-	2%

FOOD SHOPS AND PREMISES

In general food premises and handling there is no great problem in an area of this kind, but I do feel that the retail premises tend to have inadequate facilities for the storage of food supplies. This especially applies to the smaller village shops, and it results in a tendency to overcrowd the shop itself and the display shelves, and to bring into use accommodation never intended for the storage of food even though packed, and to crowd into unsuitable corners minor processing of food distribution such as the cutting up and weighing out of food supplies, the whole resulting in the problem I feel is most acute, namely that of the difficulty of keeping such premises frequently and properly painted out, colour washed and cleansed, and I feel we shall have to give more attention to this particular problem.

Table of Food Shops & Premises

<u>Number in Area</u>	<u>Inspections made</u>
Bakehouses	5
Butchers' Shops	7
Greengrocers & Grocers	24
Canteens and Restaurant Kitchens..	7
Fish Shops	5
General Stores	16
	7
	57
	13
	3
	-
	9

Food Condemned

Tomatoes 48 lb.

ICE CREAM

No ice cream is manufactured in the area. The following table shows the number of premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream.

<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
5	17	18	19	25

